



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5918**

LCO No. 4940



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE DUTY NURSING FOR SEVERELY  
DISABLED CHILDREN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer and, within  
4 available appropriations, [administer] expand a Medicaid waiver  
5 program pursuant to Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act to  
6 provide home and community-based services for persons who are  
7 institutionalized or at risk of institutionalization and who (1) are  
8 twenty-one years of age or younger; (2) have a physical disability and  
9 may also have a co-occurring developmental disability; and (3) meet  
10 the financial eligibility criteria established in the waiver.

11 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
12 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and  
13 the Insurance Commissioner, shall study public and private health-  
14 care coverage options for providing home and community-based  
15 services, including private duty nursing, to children with severe

16 disabilities. Such study shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
17 Coverage options successfully implemented in other states to provide  
18 such services without impoverishing parents and caregivers, (2) limits  
19 placed on coverage of such services by private insurers licensed to  
20 operate in the state, and (3) the potential cost of providing state-  
21 subsidized private duty nursing for children with severe disabilities,  
22 pursuant to section 17b-294a of the general statutes, with family  
23 incomes exceeding three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level.

24 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social  
25 Services shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
26 4a of the general statutes, a report with recommendations to expand  
27 home and community-based services for children with severe  
28 disabilities to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
29 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, insurance  
30 and real estate, public health and appropriations and the budgets of  
31 state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-283
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To assist parents and caregivers who are becoming impoverished by paying for home and community-based care for severely disabled children.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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